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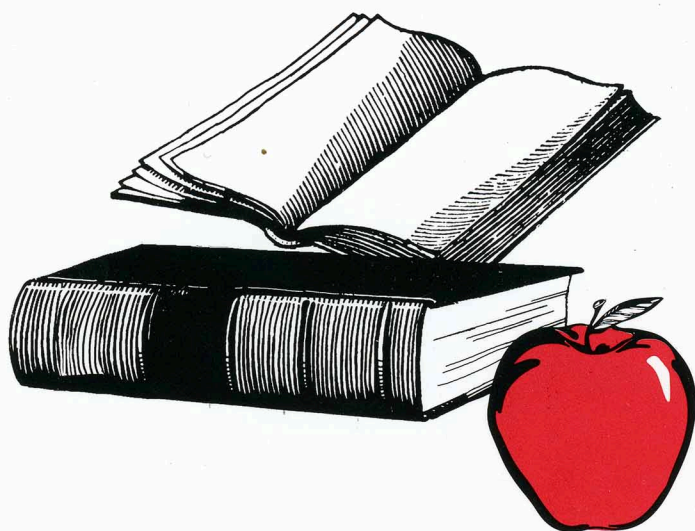
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Celebrating the founding
of Pittsburg State University

Apple Day



“Making a World
of Difference”

Convocation

Thursday, March 2, 1995 • 10 a.m.

Weede Physical Education Building

The Apple Day Tradition

Pittsburg State University is the youngest of the state institutions of higher learning in Kansas. Founded in 1903, Pitt State opened as the Auxiliary Manual Training Normal School. The Superintendent of the Pittsburg schools, Russell Station Russ, was elected Principal of the new Normal School which he helped to found. The School opened Tuesday, September 8, 1903, in temporary quarters with 54 students and five faculty members .

Mr. Russ spent considerable time in the State Legislature of 1907 during the debate for an appropriation for the first school building. As the issue was drawing to a close, the legislators lightheartedly reviewed the problem of non-members of the House appearing on the floor, and the motion was made that the next offender be fined a barrel of apples. Shortly after, Russ appeared to inquire about the progress of the bill and was duly fined a barrel of apples.

The incident was reported in Pittsburg, and Russ, discussing this with students, suggested that they fine the faculty a barrel of apples. The motion passed unanimously, and a bewildered faculty paid the fine. Since that first observance on March 8, 1907, Apple Day or Commemoration Day has become an event noted on the Pitt State campus. Annually, the traditional fine is assessed by the student body, and the apples furnished by the Faculty Association are passed out to all those present at the Apple Day Convocation.



1995 Distinguished Service Award Recipient

Dorothy G. Johnson

Presented by the PSU Alumni Association, the Distinguished Service Award recognizes those volunteers who have given generously of their time and talents. Dorothy G. Johnson is presented the Distinguished Service Award for her years of volunteer work with international students and their families. Since the early 1970s, Mrs. Johnson has been actively involved with the International Friends of Pittsburg, a host family program for PSU's international students. She has served as Chair or Co-Chair of the organization from 1975 until 1991. In 1985, she was also involved in establishing a program for International Wives. To assist international women in learning about the American culture, the program was later changed to include both single and married women students. She served as Chairperson of that organization until 1989. Since becoming involved with the International Friends Program, she and her husband, Dr. Chris Johnson, Professor Emeritus in Biology at Pittsburg State University, have served as a host family to international students from South America, the Far East, Venezuela and Argentina.

Convocation Program

Welcome

Ms. Lori Cox, *President, Student Government Association*

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From the Pages of History

Mr. Gene DeGruson, *Special Collections Librarian, Pittsburg State University*

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Introductions

Dr. Donald Wilson, *President, Pittsburg State University*

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Commemoration Day Address

• The Honorable Bill Graves, *Governor of Kansas*

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Musical Selections

The University Choir, Dr. Susan Marchant, *Director*
Ms. Joyce Brown, *accompanist*

“Barbara Allen”, English folksong, *arrangement*: John Rutter
Soloist: Mr. Isaac Brewer

“Kalinka”, Russian folksong, *arrangement*: Stan Engebretson
Soloist: Ms. Heather Swartz

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Presentation of 1995 Outstanding Faculty Awards

Ms. Amanda Entz, *Academic Affairs Commissioner,*
Student Government Association

Mr. Ronnie Beach, *President, PSU Alumni Association*

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Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Donald Wilson, *President, Pittsburg State University*

Mrs. Dorothy G. Johnson, *Recipient*

Mr. Ronnie Beach, *President, PSU Alumni Association*

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Closing

Ms. Lori Cox, *President, Student Government Association*

Acknowledgements

*Appreciation is extended to all those whose
help and cooperation
made today's program possible.*

The University Choir

Micki Bachand, Sioux Falls, S.D.	Kan, Pei-Hua, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, ROC
Penny Baird, LaCygne, Kan.	Jennifer Knapp, Chanute, Kan.
Ekaterina Bakulina, Moscow, Russia	Rick Krapes, Shawnee, Kan.
Jon Bartlow, Raytown, Mo.	Sarah Light, Osawatomie, Kan.
James Beltz, Fort Scott, Kan.	Liu, Yi-Heng, Beijing, China
Kristina Benson, Bonner Springs, Kan.	Atsuko Matsuyama, Obu, Japan
Lori Bolton, Fort Scott, Kan.	Shayne Meyer, Highland, Kan.
Isaac Brewer, Parsons, Kan.	Tiffany Mills, Clearwater, Kan.
Joyce Brown, Parsons, Kan.	Yuko Nakahara, Kagoshima, Japan
Denise Burns, Leavenworth, Kan.	Keith Niemann, Goddard, Kan.
Ty Buset, Frontenac, Kan.	Jim O'Shields, Independence, Kan.
Sara Cartright, Joplin, Mo.	Brenna Osterdyk, Nashville, Mo.
Chong-Ja Cho, Osaka, Japan	Lori Patnaude, Haysville, Kan.
Chu, Hung-Li, Taipei, Taiwan, ROC	Stuart Perez, Jr., Parsons, Kan.
Misty Comer, Columbus, Kan.	Carlee Pickell, Pittsburg, Kan.
Kimberly Correll, Chanute, Kan.	Jenna Potter, Garnett, Kan.
Shannan Cox, Springfield, Mo.	Jennifer Quinn, Wichita, Kan.
Stacy Davidson, Liberal, Mo.	Brian Riley, Garnett, Kan.
Josh Dempster, Chanute, Kan.	Tracy Roten, Topeka, Kan.
Melanie Diskin, St. Paul, Kan.	Jeff Russell, LaCygne, Kan.
Joni Flummerfelt, Pratt, Kan.	Roger Scantlin, Commerce, Okla.
Lisa Frayer, Pittsburg, Kan.	Stacie Scholl, Goddard, Kan.
Bryan Ganer, Fort Scott, Kan.	Sara Schroeder, Lewis, Kan.
Louise Glen, Lincoln, Kan.	Laura Snyder, Burr Oak, Kan.
Stoney Glenn, Golden, Mo.	Christine Spence, Parsons, Kan.
Kelly Grayum, Caney, Kan.	April Stites, Paola, Kan.
Christopher Harry, Fort Scott, Kan.	Heather Swartz, Leavenworth, Kan.
Marci Hart, Fort Scott, Kan.	Kimberlie Talley, Fort Scott, Kan.
Alice Hilt, Pittsburg, Kan.	Jeanette Thomas, Wichita, Kan.
Alison Hockett, Chanute, Kan.	Sean Trumbly, Paola, Kan.
Angela Hubbard, Riverton, Kan.	Anthnoy Turner, Chanute, Kan.
Terra Hulett, Merriam, Kan.	Scott Van Arsdale, Macksville, Kan.
Matthew Jackson, Fullerton, Calif.	Joann Warford, Oakley, Kan.
Kara Jones, Fort Scott, Kan.	Lisa Wedgeworth, Kansas City, Kan.
Michael Jones, Independence, Kan.	Nathan Young, Osawatomie, Kan.